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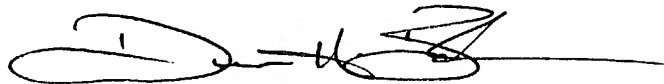
1. The following claim numbers 1-26 from U.S. Patent No. 6,692,354 is suggested to applicant under 35 U.S.C. 135(a) for the purposes of an interference:

Applicant requested that an interference be declared between the instant application and the corresponding claims recited in Tracey et al., U.S. Patent Application No. 10/165,227, filed June 7, 2002 and published on October 17, 2002 as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0151342. However, the subject application has now been patented, U.S. 6,692,354.

The suggested claims must be copied exactly, although other claims may be proposed under 37 CFR 1.605(a).

Applicant is given ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication to copy this patent claim. Failure to do so will be considered a concession that the subject matter of this claim is the prior invention of another under 35 U.S.C. 102(g), and thus also prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) (In re Oguie, 517 F.2d 1382, 186 USPQ 227 (CCPA 1975)), but will not result in the abandonment of this application. THE PROVISIONS OF 37 CFR 1.136 DO NOT APPLY TO THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THIS ACTION.

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